

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions; and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A device for driving a display device, which device is provided with M leads that are coupled to at least one multiplex device and are coupled to a voltage generator through a first switching device that enables interruption of a voltage supply to the M leads so that a voltage already present in at least one of the M leads is no longer driven and is held until any leakage currents or parasitic capacitances give rise to a discharge, and also provided with at least one second switching device that is coupled to the M leads to enable at least one of the M leads that is no longer driven after opening of the first switching device to be switched and whereby at least one of the M leads can be switched to a selectable potential.

2. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the M leads are coupled to A_N output stages that are provided with at least one multiplex device and at least one amplifier unit, and that at least one output stage (A_N) is provided with a second switching device for switching the output stage (A_N) to a selectable potential.

3. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that second switching devices are provided in all output stages A_N .

4. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the multiplex device that can be controlled by a digital signal is arranged to switch a voltage that is present on the M leads through to the output stage A_N .

5. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the second switching device in the output stage (A_N) switches the lead M that is selected by the multiplex device to a test reference potential.

6. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that in a test mode the first switching device connects the M leads to a common potential and separates them from this potential.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the switching devices can be controlled separately.

9. (Previously Presented) A display device that includes a driver circuit as claimed in claim 1, in which the output stages A_N are connected to N terminals of a display device.

10. (Currently amended) A method of testing a driver circuit, in which the driver circuit is supplied with at least one voltage on M leads, in which the M leads are coupled to a voltage generator through a first switching device so that the voltage supply to the M leads is interrupted by means of the first switching device so that a voltage already present in at least one of the M leads is no longer driven and is held until any leakage currents or parasitic capacitances give rise to a discharge, in which one of the M leads is selected by means of at least one multiplex device that is coupled to the M leads, and in which the supplied voltage on the selected lead is switched to a test reference potential by means of a second switching device.

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